

City of West Lafayette, Indiana
Board of Public Works and Safety
MINUTES

JANUARY 19, 2011
8:30 a.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

Members present were Sana G. Booker, Jonathan C. Speaker, Elizabeth M. Stull, and Mayor John R. Dennis, who presided. Member Bradley W. Marley was absent.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. January 10, 2011, Meeting

Ms. Stull moved to accept the minutes of the January 10, 2011, Board of Works meeting. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Change Order No. 1: Jack Isom Construction Co., Inc. – (\$53,150.00) – Wabash Heritage Trail – Engineering

City Engineer Buck reported that this change order relates to the construction of the Wabash Heritage Trail along North River Road and into Happy Hollow Park, a deduct of \$53,150, due to modifications to the retaining walls. Both INDOT and Jack Isom Construction have agreed to this change, which will clear the way for some additional costs to structural modifications, including to the Happy Hollow Park pedestrian bridge over Happy Hollow Creek.

Mr. Speaker moved to approve Change Order No. 1. Ms. Stull seconded the motion.

Mr. Speaker asked what the timeframe for completion is for this project. City Engineer Buck answered that the hope is to have it complete by next summer. INDOT is planning to resurface IN43 from Robinson Street to Interstate 65, which is planned to finish before August, so the City plan is to be finished and out of their way, at least in this area. Work is ongoing in the Park, while utilities are being relocated along River Road. Trail construction activity will continue as soon as the utilities are relocated.

The motion was adopted.

b. New Hire: Part-time Dispatcher – Kristin Johnsen – Police

Police Chief Dombkowski reported that Ms. Johnsen is a new-old hire, as she resigned her full-time dispatcher position at the first of the year to take a new position elsewhere. She will be one of the three or four part-timers who fill the bank of hours as needed, as she is trained and worked very well for the two years she was with the department.

Ms. Booker moved that Kristin Johnsen be hired as a part-time dispatcher at an hourly rate of \$15.60, effective January 17, 2011. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

c. Elevation to Sergeant: John Irr – Fire

Fire Chief Drew reported that with Tim Heath's promotion to Lieutenant, which the Board approved at the January 10, 2011, meeting, the Sergeant position needs to be filled. He recommended that John Irr be elevated to Sergeant. While Tim Heath's was a promotion in rank, John Irr's is an elevation in rank, as the Sergeant is not a full-fledged officer.

Ms. Stull moved that John Irr be elevated to Sergeant in the Fire Department effective January 19, 2011, with an additional annual compensation of \$412. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

Mr. Speaker asked what the process is for elevation in rank. Fire Chief Drew explained that this position is filled by the Chief, with consideration to performance and seniority.

The motion was adopted.

d. Claims

- i. AP Docket \$344,802.01
- ii. AP Docket 492,338.65
- iii. AP Docket 788.64
- iv. PR Docket 354,939.22

Mr. Speaker moved that the claims be approved. Ms. Stull seconded the motion.

Questions raised about individual claims by the Board were answered by department heads.

The motion was adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes thanked the Board for their time in looking through the listing of claims, noting that they have different points of view as they review bills. Ms. Booker responded that she has learned so much as a result of sitting on the Board. Mayor Dennis added that the Board does an amazing job. While the City tries to be as accurate as possible, other sets of eyes is very beneficial.

e. Other Items

i. Councilor Burch reminded joggers, walkers, and drivers, for their own safety, to refrain from using Lindberg Road Bridge while it is under construction.

ii. Wastewater Utility Director Henderson notified the Board that the bid-letting for the US231 Relocation Project, which includes the West Lafayette Western Interceptor Project, has been pushed back to January 26. He stated that he is cautiously optimistic that the date is firm. He reminded the Board that the dream of the Western Interceptor started over 20 years ago, so a couple of weeks longer is not too much. Mayor Dennis asked when the original bid-letting for these projects was scheduled. Wastewater Utility Director Henderson and City Engineer Buck said the original date was in October 2010, and that the dates have shifted as INDOT responds to questions from contractors.

Mr. Henderson said that January 27 at 10:00 a.m. is the online reverse auction with the City of Lafayette for chemicals used in wastewater treatment. He invited the Board to see the process.

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson reported that the Combined Sewer Overflow Long-Term Control Plan would be completed when the Western Interceptor Project is finished. He is working with Wessler Engineering to develop the next plan, because this is an ongoing effort. In 2007, the City entered into a State Judicial Agreement with IDEM, part of which laid out a schedule of activities to 2027. The agreement has been modified once, to add detail, and it will likely be updated over the next 16 years, as things change and projects are developed to reduce combined sewer overflows. With the recent rain and the snowmelt, there may have been a CSO event yesterday; he has not yet checked.

iii. Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes announced that, at the January 31 Board of Works meeting, Mr. Jim Treat of O.W. Krohn & Associates would present the 2010 Wastewater review. She stated that the WWTU books will be closed soon, and that the Utility is in a very strong financial situation. Fund balances are stable.

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson said the financial situation puts the Utility in a good position, as the Western Interceptor is a significant project. Mayor Dennis added that the City works to impede the flow of waste to the Wabash River. The Western Interceptor Project is the equivalent of the City of Lafayette's underground wastewater storage facility, because of the distance and the volume that the Western Interceptor will take away. Mr. Henderson agreed, stating that the project would eliminate three lift stations. The flow would no longer enter into the system that goes past those CSO outfall points to the Wabash River; it would come directly to the Utility. It cuts the line and the CSOs are taken before anything else.

Ms. Booker asked if there would be any loss of staff as a result of the completion of the Western Interceptor Project. Wastewater Utility Director Henderson answered that there would no effect on staffing needs, that there would still be several lift stations remaining.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Speaker moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting.